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STATE EXCISE POLICE RAID ILLEGAL CLUBS

GARY, IND - Indiana State Excise Police officers and agents with the United States Marshals Service executed search warrants Sunday morning at two illegal clubs in Gary. The clubs were located at 2500 Jefferson Street and 752 Broadway. The investigation began three months ago after the excise police received several complaints that both clubs were operating without permits.

At 2500 Jefferson Street excise officers arrested Keith L. Colman , age 36 of Michigan City and Willie J. Grace, age 36 of Gary. Both men were taken to Lake County Jail on charges of Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages without a Permit. Officers also issued arrest tickets to twenty-seven people for visiting a common nuisance.

At 752 Broadway excise officers arrested Darrell Biddings, age 37 of Gary. Biddings was taken to Lake County Jail and charged with Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages without a Permit. Officers issued arrest tickets to 48 people for visiting a common nuisance. Additional charges included possession of a false identification and minor consuming alcohol.

During the search of these two locations officers located and seized three handguns, numerous bags of marijuana, alcoholic beverages and an undetermined amount of currency.

Seventy-six excise officers and eleven agents with the US Marshals Service participated in the execution of these two search warrants.